(b) how much investment do they envisage;

(c) out of this how much will come from outside the country;

(d) how much employment will it generate; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) Since the announcement of New Industrial Policy till 31st January 1997, 28769 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEMs) with a proposed investment of Rs. 547619 Crores and proposed employment for 50,75,345 have been filed with the Government for establishing new units/new articles/expansion of existing industrial units etc. The IEMs are filed by the entrepreneur for purpose of record and these are acknowledged as such without scrutiny or further processing and hence there is no pendency for IEMs. The information in respect of investment coming from outside the country for these IEMs is not separately maintained.

Tractor manufacturing factory in Greater Noida

2331. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that dutch tractor major, New Holland will set up a factory for manufacturing tractors in Greater Noida;

(b) whether the project land has been acquired by the factory and value thereof settled; and

(c) if so, the terms and conditions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Union Government has no role to play in the selection of location, acquiring of land etc. and does not maintain such information centrally.

Waiving of bad loans by KVIC

2332. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether KVIC has written-off an huge amount of bad loans in 1994-95, 1995-96 and the current year; and

(b) if so, the State-wise break up of such write-offs for the above three years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Besides writing of a loan amount of only Rs. 24,839.92 pertaining to Daulatpur Chowk Soap Makers Cooperative Society Limited, Daulatpur in Himachal Pradesh in the year 1994-95, KVIC has not written of any other loan amount in the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and the current year.

Industrially backward districts in Assam

2333. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some districts in Assam have been declared as industrially backward; and

(b) if so, details thereof with package of financial assistance to be given to State Government for development of each district?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) A study Group was constituted in the Ministry of Finance to categorise and identify the industrially backward districts for the purpose of declaring backward districts to avail of the tax concessions. Subsequently another Review Study Group was set up by the Government to review the recommendation submitted by the earlier Study Group. The review Study Group has submitted its report which is under consideration of the Ministry of Finance.